

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Sonoma

585 Fiscal Drive #103F

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

From: (Public Agency): Gold Ridge RCD

2776 Sullivan Road

Sebastopol, CA 95472

(Address)

Project Title: LandSmart Grazing Program for Community Resilience at Ya-Ka-Ama

Project Applicant: Gold Ridge RCD

Project Location - Specific:

7465 Steve Olson Lane

Project Location - City: Forestville

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project will utilize contracted prescribed herbivory crews to reduce vegetation fuels on the Ya-Ka-Ama property. The Project site includes a total of approximately 8 acres of non-native shrub and California Annual and Perennial Grassland landscape. A mixture of prescribed herbivory, hand work, and adaptive management will be employed in the project area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. This exemption shall apply to fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure if the public agency having fire protection responsibility for the area has determined that 100 feet of fuel clearance is required due to extra hazardous fire conditions.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: William Hart

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-823-5244 x 15

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: *William J. Hart* Date: 16 March 2023 Title: Project Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____